Story of Trip by horse & buggy to Mead and by John & Sophia & Fred aged 6 months. They apparently enjoyed the long drive & visit to Sophia's sister [illegible] July 1 1874

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Hillsboro July 21st 1874

Rose at 4 this A.M. all being in good health, Got Ready & started for Medford at 5 45 - Appearance of a fine day Wind but Cold from the north the Hills and Valleys still are Covered at Jonesboro Arrive at the Ore Beam at 7,30 Then Turned north over a Sandy & Somewhat Hilly about 3 or 4 miles from Hillsboro in the whole the Country is level & Rolling Somewhat Stumps pretty well out Clearing average large Buildings rather inferior mostly log. arrived at Shelburne at 10.10 Stopped at Clark Hotel to feed Shelburne on the line of O. & C. R. R.

nice little village with very
stones & 2 taverns the buildings
are frame & rather small
Left Shelburne at 12.30 for
Dundalk 11 or 12 miles distant
on the Proof & Lyden Gravel road the sun gone
out very Hot still there
a stiff Breeze from the north
which makes it pleasant travelling
the first mile or two is a
little Hilly the balance
of the road is almost a dead
level the land is flat &
swampy one swamp is
about 5 or 6 miles long mostly
burnt & smoaks around
at Dundalk left 3 and
called at A. S. Hunters where
with his wife received me

Kindly and pressed us to
stay over night which
request we acceded to
and were hospitably enter-
tained. Spent the afternoon
between the House & the
Shingle & Shake factory
where he work. Went in
the evening to the village
about 3/4 of a mile from the
ground. Found the village
a little more than a year
old. Has live good stores
3 Saloons. Station House &
one House a large factory
100 feet long with saw mill
planing Lathe & shingle machine
The timber is for lumber
is Hemlock for shingles
Cedar. Several buildings

are in progress of erecting
Dundalk it is rather a pretty
+ interesting village with
a large Custom House around
it. Returned to Red Bank
after a most restful refreshing
bath in + food and well
+ enjoyed the journey night
Madras dark 22 July
Rose this morning feeling
+ spirits got breakfast +
left at 4 for Tuticorin
11 miles distant. The road
is beautiful + the air freezing
the road good + all till
till within 1 or 2 miles of
Tuticorin. The land is
very ~~rough~~ + stony
large rocks + boulders
in the fields in many places

and some fields literally
covered with stones the
clearings are mostly
small buildings for the
present almost a decent
appearance there are a
few passible farms
with decent log buildings
& an occasional frame
but the majority of them
are quite inferior & the
stock is about of a kind
not stop as we passed
the Horses at a creek a
mile or two back. Lobster
is a busy little village
has two stores and one very
fine looking Hotel is 3/4
of a mile from the Station
the I.C.R.

We Continued west - for
one & a quarter mile then
turned North on the Prospect
road which led us directly
to a Lonely place about -
25 miles distant - from the
town The first mile or
two was very good traveling
altho' the Country is
new But after that the
road rough hilly stony
with numerous Logs
We were glad to travel
slow & that we would not
shake ourselves to pieces
The Land is very stony &
much of it not fit for
farming purposes
Many of the places have
been deserted & the buildings

one way for after
traveling about 9 miles &
only seeing one man and
finding no appearance of a
Hotel We stopped at the
side of a Bush stead
and the Rider at the
foot of some fine
Irrigated cypselar and for
a rest after going the
Pony some Food what
we got being Eating a rid
of Roselle & Wed the oats
out of a sap Tucker
We Spent a very pleasant
time lounging on the
Rock in the Shade Food
enjoyed very much the
Roast of Lamb Cake
Cheese Cold & Egg & Cake

till we were hearty by 4 o'clock
After resting for an
hour and a half we
started feeling much re-
freshed at 12.30 the road.
the road still very rough
& stony till we got within
about 12 miles of Mosfords
when things began to
look a little cultivated
crops began to look good
& buildings passible
When within about 4
miles of Mosford before
descending into the valley
we had a beautiful view
of the other side of the valley
farm after farm seeming to
meet view dotted here & there
with a patch of trees

The Hill descending into the valley is very long & steep as we travelled on the road & could enjoy the view of the Lake which unbounded to us that we were near our journeys end. We arrived at Gunters at 4 P.M. in good health & safety without meeting the slightest accident of anything to mar the pleasure of the trip the weather being beautiful. We found all well & received a hearty welcome after a separation of six months absence & helped him to part with a load of his

At Longdown he Rec'd
a call to a raising at a
neighbours where I am
confirmed him assisted
at the raising & then cut
out frost day of. March
We retired Shortly after 10
slightly fatigued but in
~~much~~ usual health

Thursday 23rd /4
Rose this morning in
my usual health and
after our fatigue on Tuesday
Weather Warm and bright
Sunshine Alex took in
a load of hay & me the
morning which was all he
had cut. We got a early
Dinner & left at 12 for
Mr. Ford Cook Cadeys

Boat near to the west
As we got there the Captn
Harbor Frances Smith
came on from Avon Lam
with about 350 excursionists
on board accompanied with
a Band of Music they
staid about 3 Hours & left
for their Homes they
presented a very fine
appearance to us on our
first entrance into Port
We spent a few hours
walking through the village
& saw the men engaged
building the new wharf.
Capt John Dolton who has
the Contract - Steamer Has
several fine buildings but
nothing very Extensive

The Station House on the Northern Railway is a neat frame building about 200 ft long on a slight elevation with a beautiful entrance from the Village There are some private dwellings & 2 Stores & 3 or 4 good Stores & Planing Mill & 1 Shingle factory a foundry & an Implement factory in course of Erection We returned by the boat to within half a mile of Sumter House about 6 Oclock we sent accompanied by our Wives & baby to call on Mrs McCathum who is near to Bates Sumter. We partook some about about 9 & retired in course of time in good health

Friday July 24/74

Rose this morning in good time & all in good spirits all getting ready to go on a small Pic Nic Party to Watsons Lake about 9 Miles distant & within sight of the Georgian Bay Bro. & our provisions ready & started about 10 Our Party Consists of Alex Margaret Their baby & 4 oldest Children & Sophia Fred & myself The most of the road was rough & stony We went up & down one of the Largest Hills we ever saw It was both long & steep We arrived at the Lake at 12 Meridian Rode & Rugs under the shade of some trees by the side

the Lake where we partook
of the provisions provided
for the occasion. The Lake
is surrounded by hills from
one to five Hundred ft. high
& is about 100 ft. deep. Lake
Huron is about 2 miles long
& seems to be about ½ a mile
in width & is quite a resort
for pleasure seeking parties
We got the loan of a boat
from Col. Bottom in which
we sailed round the Lake
after giving the ladies &
Children a sail on the
beautiful Still water.
We left for Home about
4.30 & sailed round by Cape
Rich & then down the Lake
Shore Passed the Grave

A. C. J. Lister whose Portrait I called the rest of the family on Mrs Lister received & entertained us very kindly. Mr Lister had not returned from Bradford where he had gone in the Morning. His farm appeared to be well tilled & stocked. The entrance gate Clumsy & in a very dilapidated condition. The House is a fair size & in a tidy condition. The Barn & fences are in keeping with the rest of the premises Mrs Lister showed the Domestic manufactures as in days of old. Hand Loom very Clean & tastefully ornamented the manages very well indeed although she missed Mrs Lister the situation

Breakfast & Spent 2 Hours very pleasantly As night was fast approaching We left about 8 & 1/2 Mile Bro Lister at the gate looking about as old as usual He had an old Straw Hat Brown Berry pants drove a Bone Horse in an old rattling Buggy Taken down with Grape & a Bag of Flour which he uses to have Backwards in Exchange for Mrs Lister to complete her baking with. We stoped talking till 8.30 when we left for home arriving safely about 9 & found all Slightly fatigued from Exertions